

The subjects of Embryology, Surface Form and Applied Anatomy have not been neglected.

A few typographical errors have been noticed. The above criticisms will indicate that the book is yet far from being ideal, but no more so than other Anatomies. Each work usually excels in the treatment of some particular subject. The improvements are marked and the author and publisher deserve great praise for the excellent character of this edition. It is to be hoped that each succeeding edition will approach nearer to the goal and without any more retrogressions.

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#### ORANGE COUNTY'S NEW HOSPITAL.

In September the contracts were let for a new county hospital for Orange County, to be built on the county farm at West Orange. It is estimated that the complete building will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000; it is to be of reinforced concrete, two stories in height, and the design is very pleasing.

#### BUBONIC PLAGUE; ANOTHER HUMAN CASE.

Another case of bubonic plague in a human subject occurred in Contra Costa County in September; the patient, a man, died in the county hospital on September 11th. The last previously reported case of human plague occurred in June of this year and was that of a Japanese woman in San Benito County. It is announced that \$40,000 has been appropriated by the Federal Government to continue actively the anti-plague work in this state. It is quite right that this work should be done by the Federal authorities and paid for by the Government, for the plague-focus of California is a national and not a local problem.

#### CONGRESS OF SURGEONS.

The fourth of these huge "congresses" will be held in Chicago during the week beginning November 10th, and a most elaborate and extensive program has been prepared. The events of the evening sessions are here published and from them it can be seen that many surgical stars are to be heard from. The Journal has already called attention to the fact that these "congresses" are not unmixed blessings. It is all right for the trained surgeon to hear some great man describe some complex operation in a few moments of time, or to see him perform it, but there will be hundreds of untrained "surgeons" (and possibly some "fellows of the American College of Surgeons") who will be misled by the apparent ease of the great-man operator and will attempt to do the same thing—with disastrous result to the patient.

#### Program of Evening Sessions.

Presidential Meeting, Monday, November 10th, in Orchestra Hall.

Edward Martin, Philadelphia: Address of retiring president.

Inauguration of President Brewer.

Brief addresses by presidents of the National Medical Societies.

George Emerson Brewer, New York City: A New Method of Pyloric Closure in Gastro-enterostomy.

Harvey Cushing, Boston: A Report of a Series of 150 Gasserian Ganglion Operations. Discussion by John B. Murphy, Chicago.

Tuesday, November 11th, in Orchestra Hall.

Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane, London: Title of paper to be announced.

Herbert J. Paterson, F. R. C. S., London: The Operation of Gastro-jejunostomy and the Principles Which Should Determine Its Use. Discussion by Carl Beck, Chicago.

John B. Deaver, Philadelphia: Gastric Hemorrhage. Discussion by A. J. Ochsner, Chicago.

Wednesday, November 12th, in the Gold Room, Congress Hotel.

Professor Doctor Krönig, Freiburg, Germany: The Radio-Therapeutic Treatment of Benign and Malignant Tumors. Discussion by Howard Kelly, Baltimore, and C. J. Gauss, Freiburg, Germany.

Roswell Park, Buffalo: On the Relation of the Ductless Glands to the Work of the Surgeon. Discussion by Dean D. Lewis, Chicago.

John F. Binnie, Kansas City: Some Uses of Fat in Surgery. Discussion by Jasper Halpenny, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Cancer Meeting, Thursday, November 13th, in Orchestra Hall.

Thomas S. Cullen, Baltimore: (a) Report of the Cancer Campaign Committee of the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America. (b) The Diagnosis of Cancer of the Uterus.

Mr. Samuel Hopkins Adams, New York City: Publicity Through the Lay Press.

Edward Reynolds, Boston: Publicity and Education Through the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

Frederick R. Green, Chicago: Publicity and Education Through the Council on Health and Public Instruction of the American Medical Association.

Mr. Frederick L. Hoffman, Newark: The Educational Value of Cancer Statistics to Insurance Companies, the Public, and the Medical Profession.

James Ewing, New York City: The Relation of the Pathological to the Surgical Diagnosis in Cases of Cancer.

William J. Mayo, Rochester, Minnesota: Cancer of the Stomach and Colon.

C. J. Gauss, Freiburg, Germany: The Radio-Therapeutic Treatment of Carcinoma.

Joseph C. Bloodgood, Baltimore: A Very Recent Investigation of the Outcome of the Cases of Cancer Recorded in the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Surgical Pathological Laboratory. (Lantern Demonstration.)

Friday, November 14th, in the Gold Room, Congress Hotel.

Hugh Cabot, Boston: The Diagnosis of Lesions of the Upper Urinary Tract. Discussion by Arthur Dean Bevan, Chicago.

J. M. T. Finney, Baltimore: Fourteen Years' Experience with the Operation of Pyloroplasty. Discussion by E. Wylls Andrews, Chicago.

Charles H. Mayo, Rochester, Minnesota: A Summing Up of the Goiter Question. Discussion by George W. Crile, Cleveland.

#### FLEXNER'S MENINGITIS SERUM.

Flexner's serum, for use in influenzal meningitis, can be obtained free of charge on application to Dr. W. T. Cummins, pathologist to the Southern Pacific Hospital, or to Philip King Brown, Union Square Building, 950 Post street. Evidence of microscopic proof of the diagnosis should be submitted with the request, except in emergencies. The statement made before in the State Journal seems to have been overlooked in several cases by people who have communicated with the Rockefeller Institute.